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have an objection to adding that to it that that is the purpose of the hearing to see that, to see if they should hold Interim Studies.

SENATOR KOCH: Senator Barnett, I would be perfectly happy to make that as a part of that last, whereas.

SENATOR BARNETT: Would the Chair have the indulgence while I write that into the resolution, the amendment. Would you give me a couple of minutes?

PRESIDENT: Yes, Senator.

SENATOR BARNETT: You have heard the dialogue between the two of us. If it is okay, why, he suggest we add it to it. This hearing will determine if we are to have an Interim Study Committee on the rules and regulations of fire safety throughout the state. I think this would make it acceptable to anybody that might have an objection.

PRESIDENT: Then you are going to reform it and get it to the Clerk. Your motion. Senator Simpson.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I am not quite sure what we are doing under this resolution. If it calls for an Interim Study, why it has to go to the Executive Board and they have to approve whether we are going to have one or not. The having of a public hearing prior would be incidental. I really think we are in a conflict. It would be better if this was laid over and they would make a decision as to what they really want to do with this and then take it up tomorrow.

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch, this could generate protracted debate. Would you be agreeable to letting this hold over until tomorrow?

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, my problem is that I have asked to be excused for several days and I want the public hearing scheduled so it could happen next Thursday or next Friday because the Government Committee has virtually, well, as far as hearings are concerned, they do not have any bills before them for public hearing other than those that are held in Committee. That is the reason for my asking to expedite this.

PRESIDENT: All right. Are you ready for the vote now, you and Senator Barnett, or do you have something for us?

SENATOR KOCH: I believe that Senator Barnett and I are compatible as soon as he adds the sentence to it, and to answer Senator Simpson's question, it is only to determine whether or not we should have and recommend an Interim Study Committee meeting.

PRESIDENT: All right. The Clerk has some other matters to read into the record while we are waiting for Senator Barnett.

CLERK: Mr. President, notice of Committee Hearing, the committee on Agriculture has set LB 544 for Thursday,